



JUSTICE TO THE SOLDIERS.

Correspondent who Thinks an Obligation Has Not Been Wholly Filled.

For two years and over I have been trying to impress our people with the fact that the INTELLIGENCER is the best paper West Virginians can read. I have always been an unswerving Republican, believing that party is better able to administer the affairs of this government than the Democratic party. But it is a question in my mind whether or not some other party will not in the future have something to say about it. I do not understand it as a third party man. On the contrary, I have opposed in my humble way all the third parties we have had since the war, believing they have been used as tools in the hands of the Democratic party to weaken the Republican party.

I notice in the principles announced by the People's party that, among other things, they demand that the government issue legal tender notes and pay the Union soldiers the difference between the depreciated money in which he was paid and gold. While in all probability this is adopted more for policy than through real sentiment, it nevertheless strikes me that the Republican party has left a gap down just here. First it would be no more than just and right to pay the soldier in good money what the government promised him. Second, the government is able to pay it. And, third, the Republican party has been in power and, so far as I am aware, there has been but little effort made to pay it. Again, if I am not mistaken, all commissioned officers have been paid 33-1/3 per cent on their wages. Now, if it is right to pay it to the officer, why not to the private? Who got the big wages and who got nothing?

There is a disposition to retire lofty officials on large pensions while the poor private is not paid his rights. And so it will be till he dies, and what he should have had, his posterity will get when his bones are forgotten in the grave. At least we have known one case of that kind. In this county a soldier of the Mexican war died in want. His second wife, who did not live with him when he died, made application and obtained a pension.

Some would perhaps refer me to the fact that the United States Government is carrying the largest pension list of any country in the world.

That is all well enough, we have the greatest country in the world. And again, it is not right to withhold the just dues of all soldiers to be the better able to pension the comparatively few. The first debt this government owed was to the men who gave their lives and health to save it.

They should at least be paid what was promised them. W. B. Cook, Rockview, W. Va., March 12.

A War Reminiscence.

Cincinnati Times-Star. "During the war I was nursed at the city hospital by a Miss E. F. Morris, a young woman of prominent Cincinnati family, who gave her life and services to that work, and was a nurse of sick and wounded soldiers all through the war," said Mr. E. V. Pettit, surveyor, and Mr. Smith's chief deputy. "Shortly after that she went to the hospital at Chester, Pa., and served until the close of the war. I never saw her again until she returned to Cincinnati some years since. She then made me a present of a Bible which the patients of one of the wards in the Chester hospital had given her. This good and noble woman died six or eight years ago. One day I was looking through that old Bible, and recalling the days when she so patiently attended me in my pain, and thinking of the affection and gratitude that she had awakened in the hearts of the sufferers in that hospital ward at Chester, when I came across the following poem. It is a beautiful thing, and on the back of the sheet you see are the words, 'Presented to Miss E. F. Morris by the patients of ward B 2, Chester hospital, Pa., 1864.' See how yellow the paper has become. I have wondered whether Miss Morris wrote it or whether it was by one of the soldier patients. Perhaps if it were published it might meet the eyes of someone who could tell about it."

All the poems of the war which could be found at the public library were searched, but it was not found among them. It reveals a high order of poetical feeling. It is entitled:

THE HOSPITAL.

Narrow beds by one another,
White and low;
Through them softly, as in church aisles,
The angels pass.
For the hot lips ice drops bring
Cold and clear.
Or white cyclids gently closing
For the tier.

Strong men, in a moment smitten
Down from strength;
Brave men, now in anxious praying
Death at length.
Burns the night lamp where the watcher
By the bed.
Writes for many a waiting loved one—
He is dead!

One lies there in utter weakness,
Shattered, faint,
But his brow wears calm befitting
Martyr's pain.
And although the lips must quiver,
They can smile
As he says, "This must be over—
In a while."

As the old crusaders, weeping
In delight,
Knelt when Zion's holy city
Rose in sight,
So I fling aside my weeping,
From the din
To the quietness of heaven
Entering in.

Insanity Plea Won't Work.

Chicago, March 17.—Preliminary legal sparring in the case of Dr. Scudder, accused of assassinating his wealthy mother-in-law for her money, was cut short to-day by the formal return of an indictment for murder. The prosecution expresses the opinion that this practically settles the question of the attempt to railroad the prisoner to an asylum on the plea of insanity. The prisoner has to a large extent abandoned the apathetic demeanor which has been variously interpreted as indicating dementia or shamming.

A Lynching Probable.

St. James, Minn., March 17.—Tony Behr assaulted Miss Minnie Stapp, a quiet delicate school teacher, night before last. Last night it became known that Miss Stapp's condition was precarious, and there was considerable talk of lynching. The sheriff is prepared to make a desperate resistance, and blood will probably be shed if the attempt is made.

Nurses Were Victims.

New York, March 17.—Dr. Edson was informed to-day that two more deaths from typhus had occurred in the Riverside hospital. The victims were Joseph Fitzpatrick and Mary Bergman, nurses in the institution.

"AYER'S Medicines have been satisfactory to me throughout my practice, especially Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, which has been used by many of my patients, one of whom says he knows it saved his life."—F. L. Morris, M. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

"CLAM MOUTHED" IRISHMEN.

Secretary Foster says he never used that Offensive Term.

New York, March 17.—Secretary Foster arrived this morning from Southampton on the steamship Spree, of the North German Lloyd line. He was transferred at seven o'clock to the steamboat Laura M. Starin, which was in waiting at quarantine, and immediately came up to the city. The Secretary had a rough experience on the voyage. On the twelfth while sitting in a chair on the deck, the ship gave a sudden lurch and precipitated him against the port rail, striking heavily on his head, which gave him a severe shock and blackened his right eye. Otherwise he is in good condition having been very much improved in health by the trip.

About ten o'clock O'Donovan Rossa arrived at the Fifth Avenue hotel to see Secretary Foster. He wanted the Secretary to explain what he meant by speaking of "clam-mouthed" or "clam-mouthed" Irishmen.

Rossa failed to see Mr. Foster. The secretary was seen this afternoon and made the following statement in reference to his trip and more especially in regard to the terms "clam-mouthed" or "clam-mouth" Irishmen alleged to have been uttered in an interview. "I certainly made use of no such terms as are imputed to me, or no word derogatory to the Irish character. Neither did I have an interview with any one for publication."

"The story, I imagine, grew out of a conversation which I had in my room with a number of friends and callers. The subject of immigration, which is one of great interest to Englishmen just now, was being discussed. In speaking of the character of the immigration coming to our shores, I incidentally touched upon the ease with which Irish children dissimulated themselves from characteristics of their parents when they arrived here and became thoroughly Americanized. Even among the commonest classes of Irish emigrants was this noticeable. The same, I said, could be said of the German emigrant, who soon became imbued with American ideas."

"This was in contrast to the Norwegians, Danish and the people from the south of Europe, who are slower in assimilation and who maintained the characteristics of their nationalities for a longer period."

Secretary Foster will remain here until to-morrow, when he will leave for his home.

ALL PRAYED.

An Impressive Scene in the Union Station, Pittsburgh, Yesterday.

Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph. Mrs. Eliza Williams (the story of whose hardships appeared in yesterday's Chronicle Telegraph) was made happy this morning by the receipt of a telegram from Charleston, W. Va., telling her to come at once. Mrs. Williams was sent up to Duquesne again yesterday afternoon, and the people there not caring to keep her sent her back. When Mrs. Williams reached Pittsburgh this morning there was a telegram awaiting her which said:

"Come at once. For life, ANNIE."

Mrs. Annie Lewis is the daughter of Mrs. Williams, toward whom the nonagenarian turned as a last resort. When the dispatch was read to her, Mrs. Williams, in her stately, impressive manner, said:

"Let us thank God." When she buried her face in her hands there was not a woman in the ladies' waiting room who did not also bow her head in reverence. It was a strange scene in the bustling, headlong mart of travel. People rushed into the room, nervously energetic, and became almost petrified. Fifteen women were praying because Old Age had found a loving home. And when Mrs. Williams discovered she lacked fifty cents of the necessary fare to Charleston, fully that many hands sought their pocketbooks, and Mrs. Williams could have had at least \$10 if she wanted it. When she finally accepted fifty cents from the matron at the station, she wrote down the name and remarked to the others who were pressing their charity upon her:

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